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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF JAPAN FOR
RACEHORSES EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animal health requirements shall be applied as follows for racehorses that are exported to Japan from the United States strictly for the purpose of participating in an international horse race. These horses cannot stay in Japan for more than sixty (60) days (duration from the day of release from the import animal quarantine to the time of export quarantine) and must leave Japan immediately after racing.

The health certificate to be used is attached to these requirements. For identification, use a copy of an identification diagram similar to the one on the certificate for horses exported to Canada.

1. The United States is free from African horse sickness, horse pox, glanders, epizootic lymphangitis, and equine trypanosomiasis.
2. During 60 days immediately prior to shipment for Japan, the racehorse to be exported must have been stabled at the premises which have no evidence of vesicular stomatitis, equine encephalomyelitis, coital exanthema, equine infectious anemia, equine influenza, equine viral arteritis, strangles, equine rhinopneumonitis, equine paratyphoid, contagious equine metritis and equine piroplasmosis and, also, the said racehorse must not have had any clinical evidence of such diseases.
3. The racehorse to be exported must be examined by the following tests within 30 days immediately prior to shipment for Japan, and must be negative to the tests:
 - a. equine infectious anemia (agar gel-immunodiffusion (AGID) test)
 - b. equine viral arteritis (neutralization test or complement fixation test)
 - c. equine piroplasmosis (complement fixation test)
 - d. vesicular stomatitis (serum neutralization test or complement fixation test)
4. The racehorse to be exported must be vaccinated against equine influenza twice, at a 4 to 6 weeks interval (or once under condition of booster) within 1 year immediately prior to shipment for Japan.
5. All containers, land vehicles, and loading places of the racehorse to be exported on a ship or an aircraft which are used for conveyance of the racehorse to be exported must be fully cleaned and disinfected previously with disinfectants as approved appropriate by the Government authorities of the United States.
6. Any animals (equine and cloven -hoofed animals) other than the racehorse participating in the listed race, must not be loaded together on a ship or an aircraft used for the transportation of the racehorse to be exported to Japan.
7. No additional feed and/or bedding shall be procured at any ports of intermediate call during the transportation of the racehorse to be exported to Japan.

VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR RACEHORSES TO BE TEMPORARILY
EXPORTED TO JAPAN FROM THE UNITED STATES
TO TAKE PART IN THE INTERNATIONAL HORSE RACE: _____
(name of race)

Certificate No. _____

I. Name and address of Consignor: _____

II. Name and address of Consignee: _____

III. Name and address of Stabling premises: _____

IV. Date and place shipment for Japan: _____

V. Flight No. _____

VI. Descriptions about the horse to be exported:

Name:	
Breed:	Color:
Sex:	Identification: (Refer to the accompanying sheet)
Age (Date of birth):	

VII. Certification:

I, the undersigned veterinary officer, hereby certify in respect to the animal described above that;

1. The United States is free from African horse sickness, horse pox, glanders, epizootic lymphangitis, and equine trypanosomiasis.

2. During the 60 days immediately prior to shipment for Japan, the said horse has been stabled at the premises which have had no evidence of vesicular stomatitis, equine encephalomyelitis, coital exanthema, equine infectious anemia, equine influenza, equine viral arteritis, strangles, equine rhinopneumonitis, equine paratyphoid, contagious equine metritis and equine piroplasmosis, and has not shown any clinical evidence of such diseases.

3. The said horse was examined for the diseases listed below.

- (1) equine infectious anemia:
method of examination: Agar gel-immunodiffusion test
Result: _____ Date of examination: _____
- (2) equine viral arteritis:
method of examination: *Neutralization test or complement fixation test
result: _____ Date of examination: _____
- (3) equine piroplasmosis:
method of examination: Complement fixation test
Result: _____ Date of examination: _____

(4) vesicular stomatitis:
method of examination: *serum neutralization test or
complement fixation test
Result: _____ Date of examination: _____

Remarks: Examination must be carried out within 30 days immediately prior
to shipment for Japan.

*Erase by bar the test not to be applied.

4. The said horse was vaccinated against equine influenza after the following
manner.

	<u>Date of vaccination</u>	<u>Kind of vaccine</u>
(1)	_____	_____
(2)	_____	_____

Remarks: Vaccination must be completed twice at 4 to 6 week intervals, or
once under the condition of booster, within 1 year immediately
prior to shipment for Japan.

5. The said horse was vaccinated against the following diseases.

	<u>Name of disease</u>	<u>Kind of vaccine</u>	<u>Date of vaccination</u>
(1)	_____	_____	_____
(2)	_____	_____	_____
(3)	_____	_____	_____

Remarks: Enter if vaccinated against any disease other than equine
influenza.

6. All container, land vehicles and loading place of the horse on the
aircraft which are used for conveyance of the said horse have been cleaned and
fully disinfected with the disinfectants approved by the Government authority.

Signature of issuing veterinarian: _____ Date of issue: _____

Name in block letters _____

Signature of endorsing Federal Veterinarian _____ Date of issue: _____
Veterinary Services, APHIS, USDA:

Name in block letters: _____

Address of VS Office: _____

COMPLEMENTARY CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned veterinary officer, hereby certify to have given the exporter/owner the following instructions:

1. Any animals (equine and cloven hoofed animals) other than the racehorses participating in the race listed above must not be loaded together on the aircraft used for transportation of the racehorse to be exported to Japan.
2. No additional feed and/or bedding shall be procured at any port of intermediate call during the transportation of the racehorse to be exported to Japan.

Signature of endorsing Federal Veterinarian
Veterinary Services, APHIS, USDA:

Date of issue:

Name in block letters: _____

Address of VS Office: _____

Signature of exporter/owner:

Date of issue:

Name in block letters: _____

Address of exporter /owner: _____

Remarks: Official seal must be applied to all pages of this certificate.